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Campaigners make last ditch plea to secure hospital's future

Members of Keep Our NHS Public and others at County Hall for their last chance to challenge controversial healthcare plans

UNITED IN BATTLE TO SAVE HORTON

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'FRIGHTENED' campaigners, the clergy and politicians came together with one voice to stop controversial healthcare plans from putting patients' lives at risk.

United in their fears over the impact of an impending decision over the NHS in Oxfordshire, speakers urged members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) yesterday to step in and act.

Almost 20 people, including Witney MP Robert Courts and the Bishop of Dorchester Colin Fletcher, raised fears over phase one of Oxfordshire's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (SPT), which includes the permanent downgrading of the maternity services at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury.

It would also see the closure of 146 acute beds and the reduction in the critical care level at the Horton.

Banbury MP Victoria Prentis, who has defended the need to reverse the temporary downgrade and closure of obstetric services at the Horton, said she and her 90,000 constituents spoke as one.

She added: "We are anxious about the future of our hospital, we are frightened about the current safety of mothers and babies and we are angry about the process. We have been fighting to save the Horton for as long as I can remember. It is important, it provides a third of Oxfordshire's A&E services, it is important to everybody."

Among the speakers at county hall was Witney MP Robert Courts, who said he was 'disturbed' by the consultation process held by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) over the plans.

He said: "It is lives we are talking about, it is the safety of mothers and children and that is what we risk if the proposals go ahead in the form it is suggested.

The meeting took an emotional turn when Keep the Horton General (KTHG) campaigner Val Ingram described an Oxfordshire family's harrowing experiences of the temporary downgraded and midwife-led maternity services at the Horton.

Tears ran down the cheeks of HOSC member and Cherwell District Councillor Andrew McHugh as Ms Ingram told how an expecting mother suddenly began to lose a lot of blood, one month before the baby was full term.

With no doctors or specialist care facilities, she and her family had to make a 20-mile journey to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

She said: "When her husband eventually found her, in his words he describes the scene as traumatic.

"The love of his life had lost so much blood that he thought she was going to die. She was given three blood transfusions and was at this time desperately ill. The little baby girl was born, perfectly formed but tragically dead."

The CCG will make their final decision on the first phase proposals at a 9.30am meeting today (Thursday) at the Oxford Examination Schools in High Street.

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£12m retirement homes complex is taking shape

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A DATE has been set for the next stage of major work to the roof at a new £12m retirement living scheme in Banbury.

Construction work is currently taking place on Park Gardens in Bath Road on land previously belonging to Banbury and Bicester College.

When complete, the complex will feature a series of one- and two-bedroom apartments as well as a cafe bar, lounge, activity studio, gym and hair and beauty salon.

In September work will reach its next key phase when the first roof tiles are added to the four-storey building by social enterprise Bromford.

The installation of the concrete first floor is also due to begin this week.

Bromford spokeswoman Penny Downing said: "Our in-house construction team is doing a fantastic job.

"It really feels like we are approaching an exciting and significant stage of the development because once the first roof tiles go on we will begin to get an idea of how the final building will look in all its glory.

The Park Gardens development in Bath Road will offer secure, safe and happy environment for residents

"Park Gardens will offer residents a safe, secure and happy home as well as creating a vibrant and lively community for residents and the wider community to enjoy."

Land for the project was made available three years ago when Banbury and Bicester College moved its media and motor vehicle facilities to a new £6m centre on the other side of Broughton Road.

A show apartment at Park Gardens is due to open towards the end of the year.

The development is set to create a number of job opportunities for local people and businesses as the development moves forward and the first residents are expected to move in in early 2019.

Daylight robbers jailed for 8 years

TWO men have been jailed for a total of eight years after carrying out a daylight knifepoint robbery outside a church.

Patrick Broderick, of Paradise Street, Oxford, and Barry Bloom, of Rotary Way, Banbury, had both denied robbery and Broderick denied possession of a knife.

During their trial at Oxford Crown Court, Bloom, 38, had already admitted another charge of possessing a knife after police found a seven-inch kitchen knife in his trouser pocket immediately after the incident on May 17 last year.

A jury of four men and eight women convicted the pair on Friday after the incident at The Beacon drop-in centre for the homeless at Horse Fair, Banbury.

Prosecuting, Timothy Boswell had told jurors that Broderick, 46, had been drunk that morning and showed such bad behaviour that he was asked to leave the centre.

Soon after, the victim, Gary Bouchard, arrived at about 11am before walking outside of the centre and along the side of the neighbouring St Mary's Church yard.

There he was cornered by Broderick who punched him in the face and pushed him up against a wall. Broderick then got out a knife and ran it across the victim's face with Bloom forcing him to empty his pockets before making off with pound coins.

Each was sentenced to four years in prison for the robbery and 12 months for possessing the blade, to run concurrently, and must pay a victim surcharge.

The *Banbury Cake* has teamed up with Didcot Railway Centre to offer readers the chance to win one of five pairs of tickets to see the Flying Scotsman when it visits Didcot.

Didcot Railway Centre is pleased to announce the visit of the famous locomotive, 60103 Flying Scotsman. Considered to be the most famous locomotive in the world, it will be at Didcot Railway Centre during the three days of the August bank holiday (26/27/28 August).

The appearance of Flying Scotsman will provide people in Didcot and surrounding areas, a chance to enjoy this renowned locomotive, for the first time since 2005, when the locomotive last visited the centre, just before being taken out of service.

Operations Manager, Roger Orchard said: "We are delighted to have been chosen by the National Railway Museum to show off their most famous locomotive in our living steam railway museum. Passengers will be able to ride behind Flying Scotsman in beautifully restored carriages from the 1930s and there will be frequent trips to watch and photograph the train as it goes by. We are also working with our neighbours in the community to ensure they are able to share in this experience, and will be working to support local businesses. We look forward to welcoming Flying Scotsman to Didcot again and to further visits in the future."

Jim Lowe, Head of Operations at the National Railway Museum, said: "Following the successful restoration of the Flying Scotsman, we're delighted to be able to give as many people as possible the opportunity to see this magnificent locomotive in person. Embarking on a national tour, we're visiting Wales, the South and South West of England and will be returning to Didcot over the August Bank Holiday weekend for the first time since the engine was restored. We're excited to be back and expect the crowds to be out in force once again."

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Hall facilities at Banbury Academy

School opens its leisure facilities to community

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SPORTS and performing arts facilities are being opened up by Banbury Academy for members of the community to use and enjoy.

The school in Ruskin Road has stated it intends to become a leisure venue for activities such as fitness classes, dance workshops and social groups for the wider public.

Areas being offered for hire through management firm School Lettings Solutions include the dance studio, sports hall, drama studio, main hall and multi-purpose rooms.

Local groups can use the spaces for both regular classes and ad hoc events, also generating extra income for the school.

The sports hall at Banbury Academy

Tracie Darke, director of operations at Banbury Academy, said: "We're really excited to be opening up the school to the wider community.

"We are proud of the facilities we offer our students and it makes sense to be able to offer our facilities during evenings and weekends when the site is available.

"We've already got partners signed up and we're looking forward to welcoming more on board. This can only be a positive thing for our students and people in the area."

SLS will manage the bookings and staff facilities at Banbury Academy to make sure they are ready and secure for the next school day.

Director Paul Andrews said: "There is huge potential to provide more places like this for people of all ages to come together, which will be really positive for the area."

The school is also preparing to host a new, free festival next month aiming to bring Banbury's communities together through food.

The 'Big Feed' will feature live cooking demonstrations, talks and mouth-watering offerings from Banbury's Kashmiri, Polish, Indian and Ghanaian communities.

More details will be released nearer the time.

For more information about the facilities on offer at Banbury Academy call 01295 203773 or email banburyacademy@schoollettings.org

Kitchen grant delights village

VILLAGERS are celebrating after bagging a £2,500 windfall for a new kitchen in the village hall.

Residents in Shutford were given the community grant by energy provider Calor. It was part of the company's Rural Community Fund offering a total of £20,000 to nine projects.

It comes as work ploughs ahead on plans to completely rebuild the Shutford Village Hall.

Rita Livesey said: "The news that our project is a winner of the Calor Rural Community Fund is absolutely amazing. It means the project, which is now in its fourth year, will now see completion of our new Shutford Village Hall and its new kitchen.

"The build started in September 2016 with the internal work, which started in March 2017, completed by the villagers themselves.

"This has been a brilliant community-led project with everyone supporting and helping to complete their new hall – a hall that we are so proud to now have in Shutford."

The project so far has been largely funded by the villagers and local fundraising. The latest grant will help build a complete new kitchen for future community events and meetings.

Special coach for 'noisy' kids

A RAILWAY company is trialling a 'Kids Coach' on one of its major train lines.

The Chiltern Railways service, which will be dedicated to 'noisy' families, will be available to customers travelling from Banbury.

It will feature games, arts and crafts, music and on-board entertainment to ease the journey for families making their way to London.

Spokeswoman Natalie Owen said: "The special launch is to help anxious parents during the summer school holidays who are concerned about travelling on public transport with potentially 'noisy' children, and help them feel at ease alongside fellow parents."

Available services include the 11.40amtrain today and tomorrow, arriving at Marylebone at 12.42pm.

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Canal Day 2017 will go ahead

THOUSANDS of boating fanatics are set to descend on the county for a 'massive event'.

Canal Day in Banbury will go ahead this year, despite previous cancellations after a delay to building work planned for the waterside.

Organisers Banbury Town Council say visitors are guaranteed a variety of stalls, including food vendors, music courtesy of Banbury Folk Festival, funfair and plenty of 'water-based action'.

Mayor Cllr Colin Clarke said: "Canal Day is a massive event with around 12,000 visitors. It is good news that we can have the event this year when all seemed lost.

"I want to thank Castle Quay for telling us of the change of plan as soon as they were aware of it.

"Many boaters – especially traders – plan their year with Banbury Canal Day in mind and we hope they are still available."

Entertainment in Spiceball Park will include falconry, go-karts, and traders, and there will be workshops outside The Mill.

Paul Jackson, Castle Quay's centre manager, said: "The start date for CQ2 was put back and we realised straight away that Canal Day could go ahead as usual."

Canal Day 2017 was cancelled earlier this year because demolition and construction work – part of the Castle Quay Two expansion – on the canalside north of General Foods Social Club was due to start this month.

But the work will not now begin until after the traditional Canal Day date – this year October 1.

Millions needed to fix declining roads

Labour councillor Mark Cherry points to deterioration in a road in Caernarvon Way

ROADS in Banbury are 'rapidly declining' and millions of pounds are needed to fix them, it has been claimed.

Mark Cherry, a Labour county councillor, said 'enough is enough' when it comes to repairing roads in his Ruscote ward.

He said: "So much of my time as a councillor is spent reporting pot holes and waiting for them to be repaired, when the reality is that everyone's hands are tied – mine, Oxfordshire County Council technical teams and the county council itself – because of the Government budget cuts".

The councillor added that the cuts meant it was unlikely all of the necessary roads could be repaired.

He said: "One estimate I've seen says that fixing potholes in Oxfordshire could cost £165 million and a further £20 million a year to maintain, but the highways budget is only £20 million a year to start with, which means we are barely managing, in fact we're actually managing a rapid decline in the quality of our roads."

At a meeting of the full county council on September 12 Mr Cherry will urge the authority to demand extra funding from central government and said he is hoping for 'cross-party support'.

Repairs and resurfacing have been requested for Caernarvon Way, Woodgreen Avenue, Orchard Way, Drayton Road, Trinity Close and Cromwell Street.

Much of this work is expected to be completed later this year.

Oxfordshire County Council did not respond to a request for comment.

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'Poorer service with fewer police around'

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THE public is receiving a 'poorer police service' as crime rises and police numbers continue to fall, the body which represents officers in Oxfordshire has warned.

Thames Valley Police federation said police officers were being 'run ragged' as funding cuts continued to bite.

Federation chairman Craig O'Leary said an increase in workloads and dwindling numbers of officers was a 'recipe for disaster' and added the cuts were contributing to a rise in mental health issues among staff.

In 2010, there were 4,434 police officers across the force, which has now dropped to 4,096.

Pc O'Leary said the drop in officer numbers put staff under 'increased pressure', which ultimately meant the level of service was diminished.

He added: "The correlation's quite clear.

"If the demand is increasing and there are fewer officers to do the work, it means longer response times for members of the public and we don't get to them as quickly perhaps as we would like to.

"What it means for our members is they're under increasing pressure.

"The workload that those officers were doing has to be picked up somewhere, and it's spread now across fewer officers.

"They [the public] don't then get to see an officer always in the times that they should do. So it's a poorer service to the public."

PC Craig O'Leary, chairman of Thames Valley Police Federation

The force is expected to lose a further 59 officer posts over the next three years as it braces to make a further £22m of savings on top of cash cuts of more than £88m since 2011.

Across England and Wales there are now 123,142 police officers – 20,592 fewer than there were when the coalition government came to power in 2010.

Last year Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Francis Habgood guaranteed to meet the needs of the public despite the Government austerity cuts.

In the force's budget, police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld stated £10.5m will be cut this year – with a draft budget for day to day police costs for 2017/18 totalling £392m.

Head of Tasking and Resilience, Chief Superintendent Steven Hockin previously told the *Banbury Cake* that the 'policing landscape' had changed with the emergence of 'new complex crimes such as cyber-crime and the growth of others including sexual offences'.

He added the force's new operating model, which started on June 1, would 'ensure' it was 'agile enough' to allocate resources where needed.

Pc O'Leary said chief constables around the country were now telling the Government they were 'struggling to meet demand'.

He added: "We need the Government now to recognise the fact that we are struggling to meet demand.

"I see there were some comments from Nick Hurd, the new policing minister, that he recognises and hears what the police are saying to him, and it's not just the police federation.

"It's coming now from the chiefs.

"The people on the street know what they're talking about, we've been saying this for several years.

"Don't just take it as scaremongering by the police federation. It's not.

"We're listening to our members and we're feeding that to the Government.

"I appreciate the chiefs are now on board and they recognise that we are stretched, and it's all too little too late."

Latest figures released by the Office for National Statistics revealed crime across Oxfordshire is on the rise, with a jump of almost five per cent in reported offences in a year – including a surge in violent crime and shoplifting in Oxford.

Between April and December 2016, 108,122 crimes in the county were reported, compared to 103,413 over the same period in 2015 and 100,804 in 2014.

Grab a £10k grant from Gannett

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A £4,300 cash boost from the Gannett Foundation has helped St Peter's Playgroup in Wolvercote finally fund the transformation of their 'mud swamp' outdoor play area.

Work will begin next week on replacing turf, regularly too wet to use in winter, with artificial grass.

It comes as the *Banbury Cake*'s parent company Gannett Media launched its latest search for charities looking for a funding boost of up to £10,000.

St Peter's applied in last year's funding round and was one of five charities in Oxfordshire given £30,000 to fund everything from outings for young carers to the creation of a cyber cafe.

Playgroup committee member Megan Carberry said: "We've been slowed down by waiting for the diocese to approve the changes to the land because it is church owned but it's finally happening now.

"It's going to be fantastic. At the moment in the winter it becomes a mud swamp on the grass and it's unsafe for the younger children."

She explained that ,as the grass was on the north side of St Peter's Church, it remained in shadow most of the day, which prevented it drying properly.

The mother-of-one added that for the past two winters access had been shut off completely for weeks at a time because the children were 'slipping and hurting themselves'.

St Peter's Playgroup celebrating after being given Gannett funding last year. Pictured with parents and children is committee member Megan Carberry

She said staff were looking forward to seeing the children enjoy the benefits of outdoor play all year round.

She said: "It's a vital part of early years education that they get outside and explore nature rather than being cooped up inside all the time."

Each year the Gannett Foundation sifts through hundreds of applications to find local causes most in need of help.

This year the criteria has been expanded to include one-day or limited-time events.

Mrs Carberry encouraged others to take advantage of the scheme.

She said: "I would definitely recommend putting in an application.

"I didn't think we fitted the conditions exactly last year but it worked out for us.

"I was initially put off applying because the process seemed daunting but when I started I found the questions asked were straightforward and didn't make you jump through any ridiculous hoops."

"The project was something that had been talked about for the past five years, but was only looked into properly a couple of years ago.

"When we did we realised it was far beyond what we could afford and it wouldn't have been possible without the grant."

See banburycake.co.uk for full criteria.

All applications must be submitted by 5pm on Monday, October 9. They will only be accepted if submitted on an approved entry form, available via our sister publication, from oxfordmail.co.uk/news/community/gannettfoundation. These must be sent with supporting evidence to gannettapplications@nqo.com or by post to Oxford Mail, Newsquest Oxfordshire, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0EJ.

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End of the road for speed humps?

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Chairman of Blackbird Leys parish councillor Gordon Roper by a 'sleeping policeman' speed hump

SPEED humps could be flattened on Oxfordshire's roads as part of a plan to reduce emissions levels throughout the country.

The Government has mooted measures which could see contentious humps removed from roads, and Oxfordshire County Council's traffic chief has admitted they could go as part of a wider plan.

The proposal has proved a hit with some Oxford residents, who have made their opposition to the traffic-calming measures clear.

Blackbird Leys Parish Council chairman Gordon Roper said he wanted to see humps removed as quickly as possible and that they have proved more trouble than they are worth since they were built in 1975.

He said: "No one takes any notice of them. They're more of a hazard for fire brigades and ambulances. There are vital seconds being lost by the speed bumps. They did their bit but now it is time for them to go.

"No one slows down and they are not a deterrent. They make sure the wheels are at lowest part either side of the bump and they just go straight over.

"The humps in Blackbird Leys are just a waste of time. Everywhere around here is a 20mph limit so there's no need for speed bumps. People should just adhere to the limit."

A survey carried out by our sister paper The Oxford Times found Oxford city centre was the 13th worst area for air quality in UK and the eighth worst outside London.

The Department for Transport and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said new fuels, encouraging a wider use of public transport and boosting the take-up of electrical cars could be used alongside scrapping humps to cuts down emissions.

But a business owner whose tattoo shop campaigned to get humps installed outside his shop insisted they should remain.

Daniel Hall, who owns Oxford Ink on The Roundway in Headington, said: "There are a lot of kids who play outside, and getting rid of speed humps would make people speed. It's a silly idea.

"The council spent thousands of pounds on putting road humps in, now to turn around and spend more on digging the roads up. What about all the money digging them up again?

"They'll cause more traffic problems as they queue in single lanes while they're digging road up for months."

According to information from local authorities, the average cost of a speed hump, which will stretch across a 7.3 metre road, is about £2,300.

But Oxfordshire County Council said any cost of humps – which it claims have cut accidents by half in some areas – are taken from community pots meant to improve new estates and cost the taxpayer nothing.

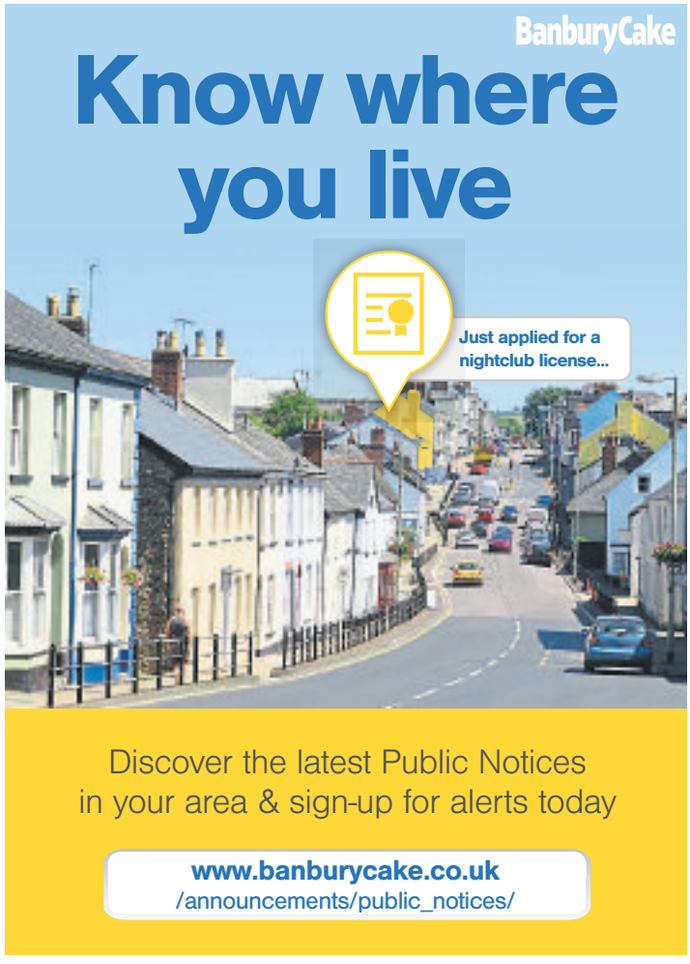
Yvonne Constance, the council's cabinet member for transport, said the move is a possibility.

She said: "There is a very big plan to cut down on pollution and I am sure getting rid of speed humps would be considered but it is not flagged up as a single item.

"We don't know exactly what we will do yet because it all has to be looked at in great detail. We have to decide whether it will be applied to all roads, and look at the picture road by road."

Jenny Bates, Friends of the Earth air pollution campaigner, warned that other measures need to be looked at in addition to simply removing speed bumps.

She said: "Changes to traffic calming measures can help with air pollution, but there's no point in throwing the baby out with the bath water. If speed humps are removed, and not replaced with other, as effective, traffic calming measures, then are we just swapping protecting children's lungs with protecting their safety on the roads? Clearly we need to do both."



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Haunting drama about death

A GHOST STORY *(12A, 92 mins) Romance/Drama. Rooney Mara, Casey Affleck, Will Oldham, Sonia Acevedo. Director: David Lowery.*

When I was five years old, I woke one night to find an old woman at the bottom of the bed, staring down at me with a benevolent smile.

She silently left my room and descended the wooden stairs to the hall with me in bleary-eyed pursuit. By the time I reached the living room, where my parents were watching television, she had vanished.

When I asked my mother where the old woman had gone, there was a moment of confusion that threatened to spark panic, followed by forensic examination to confirm I wasn't being a scamp.

Once my parents were certain I was telling the truth, my mother calmly explained that the old woman was probably the previous owner of the house, who had died peacefully in one of the bedrooms.

Ever since, I have been convinced that death is not a full stop to this gloriously bewildering life - it is merely a tantalising semi-colon.

A Ghost Story is a haunting drama about life and love after death that drapes Oscar winner Casey Affleck in a flowing white sheet as the titular spectre for the majority of the 92-minute running time.

Written and directed by David Lowery, the film is an oddity that caresses the heartstrings and lingers in the memory.

Intentionally languid pacing will divide audiences, who are used to jump-out-of-seat scares from cinema's forays into the supernatural, especially one protracted scene of actress Rooney Mara tearfully devouring a pie to vomitous excess.

She plays M, who lives in a one-level house with her musician husband C (Affleck).

Late one night, they are rudely roused by a crash of piano keys in the living room.

When a discombobulated C investigates, he finds no evidence of an intruder.

Soon after, C is killed in a car accident outside the house and M drowns in crashing waves of grief. She is oblivious to the ghost of her husband, who has walked from the morgue to the house.

As time passes, rewinds and resets, the ghost of C witnesses a party in the same home where one guest (Will Oldham) drunkenly rages against a nihilistic world hell-bent on self-destruction, and the arrival of a single mother (Sonia Acevedo) and her children, whose unwanted presence compels the ghost of C to lash out.

A Ghost Story is an artfully composed memento mori, which unfolds in long unbroken takes. Mara and Affleck share the screen for the majority of the film.

Lowery's elegiac picture is by turns strange and wonderful, beguiling and infuriating, and moved me profoundly.

RATING: 7.5/10

ATOMIC BLONDE *(15, 115 mins) Action/Thriller/Romance. Charlize Theron, James McAvoy, Sofia Boutella, Eddie Marsan, Toby Jones, John Goodman, Johannes Johannesson, Sam Hargrave. Director: David Leitch.*

Sweet dreams are made of director John Leitch's action-packed spy caper, based on the graphic novel The Coldest City by Antony Johnston and Sam Hart.

Hard-wired with 1980s nostalgia, Atomic Blonde is a kick-ass blast from the post-glasnost past that diverts attention from a flimsy plot and questionable characterisation with the most dazzling hand-to-hand fisticuffs since Matt Damon's tours of duty as Jason Bourne.

Lead actress Charlize Theron cracked her teeth during production and was badly bruised during punishing and breathlessly choreographed fight sequences, including an epic final showdown expertly stitched together to resemble a single fluid take.

These bravura skirmishes bode well for Leitch's next stint in the director's chair: Deadpool 2.

Screenwriter Kurt Johnstad attempts some Usual Suspects-style smoke and mirrors by relating the narrative in flashback from the confines of an interrogation room.

Deception is an art that Johnstad has yet to fully master but he succeeds in peppering the intrigue with crowd-pleasing nods to the era like the no-nonsense heroine's description of co-star James McAvoy: "Handsome, late 30s, disastrous Sinead O'Connor hair."

Another character explains witnesses a sea of blinding camera flashes outside a German cafe and deadpans: "David Hasselhoff's in town."

The year is 1989 and tension crackles between east and west Berlin. KGB agent Yuri Bakhtin (Johannes Johannesson) shoots MI6 agent James Gascoigne (Sam Hargrave) dead on the snow-laden streets and steals a microfilm containing the names and locations of active field agents.

MI6 chief Eric Gray (Toby Jones) and his gruff CIA counterpart Emmett Kurzfeld (John Goodman) pressgang elite British spy Lorraine Broughton (Theron) to locate Bakhtin and retrieve the microfilm before agents on both sides of the Atlantic are compromised.

She must also smuggle Soviet defector Spyglass (Eddie Marsan) out of the divided city.

From the moment Lorraine saunters through the airport arrivals lounge, she is under KGB surveillance and has to fight her way out of tight corners.

She finds an unlikely ally in inexperienced French operative Delphine Lasalle (Sofia Boutella), who believes she knows the identity of a traitor in the MI6 ranks, codename Satchel.

Atomic Blonde is muscular escapist entertainment, set to a tub-thumping soundtrack of Depeche Mode, A Flock Of Seagulls, George Michael, Nena and New Order.

RATING: 6/10

Rooney Mara as M in A Ghost Story

Cake Bookworm

The City Always Wins *by Omar Robert Hamilton is published in hardback by Faber & Faber, priced £14.99 (ebook £6.99).*

Journalist and filmmaker Omar Robert Hamilton's debut novel The City Always Wins follows a group of friends, colleagues and protesters at the front line of the 2011 Arab Spring revolution in Egypt. Focusing on young couple Mariam and Khalil, it takes you to the heart of the action as the activists attempt to dodge bullets while throwing stones at the authorities. Hamilton, founder of the Mosireen Collective in Cairo, a non-profit media collective charting events during and after the Arab Spring, shows the impact of new media on the movement as the characters produce the ChaosCairo podcast and website carrying "news, tactics and triumphs" from the "unstoppable" revolution. Khalil moves from having his "back straighten with virile pride" when he gets a complimentary Facebook message hailing his bravery on a Chaos post, thinking "the whole word is watching, all your ex-girlfriends are watching", to realising as the political landscape shifts beyond recognition "we were prime time once, we had so many friends once". There is no shirking the grim realities in this profoundly moving work, which opens in a morgue, and is ultimately an elegy, not just for the loss of revolutionary hopes, but also youth and young love.

9/10

Johannesburg *by Fiona Melrose is published in hardback by Corsair, priced £16.99 (ebook £8.99).*

Set over the course of one day - that of Nelson Mandela's death - Melrose's second novel boasts an array of characters that give the novel a weighty depth: An agitated mother turning 80 and her free-spirited daughter returning from New York to host a party neither woman really wants; senior employees of an embattled mining company in the heart of the South African capital; a pair of siblings torn apart by first poverty, then tragedy; and their friends, colleagues and housekeepers, who help paint a picture of bustling life in a city infamous for danger and racial tension. Melrose's writing is breathless at times, but in a way that means the pages fly by. Clearly written from the heart, in it we can find much of our own lives, regardless of the setting. Mandela's death is never truly looked at in great detail, but those first handful of pages set a scene so that 'Tata' and all his trials and tribulations weigh heavily in the background. Melrose paints the city beautifully, full of grace, colour and even fear. With tales of love, war, troubled families and self doubt taking centre stage, at a time of national and world-wide mourning for South Africa's greatest statesman, she shows the human condition - and the need for belonging, if even to oneself - as being as complicated as 'Tata' himself. In the end, it is better to be remembered for who we are than what we were.

8/10

Good care comes at a high price

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FAMILIES in Oxfordshire looking for care for their loved ones are in good hands - if they can afford the eye-watering price tag.

Over the past 18 months, Oxfordshire's ranking based on Care Quality Commission reports has skyrocketed from 45th place out of 47 counties up to 10th.

But at the same time it has become the most expensive county in England for residential care, at an average cost of £954.58 every week.

Ahead of a government debate on the issue this autumn, Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive Penny Thewlis said the steep improvement in quality was good news.

She said: "This is borne out by the experience of majority of people we are in contact with. Local care providers across the sector are to be applauded for their hard work."

Some 88 per cent of the 202 organisations operating in the county ranked 'good' or 'outstanding' from the CQC, compared to a national average of 80 per cent.

But Ms Thewlis added that good quality had a 'price ticket' attached to it and the affordability of care was a 'massive cause of anxiety' to families looking after a loved one.

She said: "People who contact us are often shell-shocked that they are being asked to pay somewhere in the region of £50,000 a year for residential care.

Penny Thewlis, Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive

Colin Dingwall says families should receive better financial support to care for loved ones at home

Sandra Hook would not have been able to find her mother-in-law residential care without financial support

"This yet again throws into sharp relief the urgent need for a debate about how the costs of care are shared between society and the individual."

Average weekly costs were calculated by comparison website TrustedCare, which contacted 41 homes in Oxfordshire to find out their weekly rates.

In contrast people in Lancashire could expect to pay an average of £531.27 a week for residential care - a total of £22,012.54 less than an Oxfordshire resident each year.

Eddy McDowall, chief executive of the Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers, said the cost of living in Oxfordshire was forcing firms to pay more competitive rates.

He said: "Delivering care in the current climate is a huge challenge. Oxfordshire is an expensive place to live and we also have very few people looking for work.

"On top of that care providers don't operate in an isolated environment and they have costs passed onto them by suppliers; there's a hothouse of costs going round."

People who cannot afford fees in the private care sector receive financial support from Oxfordshire County Council, which pays among the highest rates in the country.

Cowley resident Sandra Hook, 67, has received top-ups to pay for her 104-year-old mother-in-law's care at Triangle Care Home in Wheatley for the past three years.

Her partner of 13 years, Bruce Simmons, 76, is today set to move into Longlands Care Home in Blackbird Leys, which offers specialist care to people with dementia.

She said: "With Bruce I had to let my head rule my heart. With his mum we knew we couldn't look after her; if she had stayed at home with a carer they still would have had to top it up. I couldn't have done without the money. I don't know what would have happened."

West Oxfordshire District Councillor Colin Dingwall single-handedly cared for both of his elderly parents for eight years up until their deaths in 2012.

Instead of funding care home placements, he said, the county council should compensate individuals who give up their jobs to support a loved one.

He said: "For the first four and a half years I didn't get any support and as time went by their care needs were greater and greater.

"If a family member is on a lower-paid job, it might be cheaper for the council to help them; you can't get better care than from your own relative at home."

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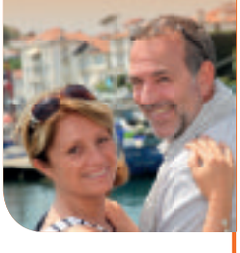

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Dinosaur World: Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury. Travel back in time to make your own dinosaur land, fossil collage, dinosaur animals, dinosaur mask and even a hatching dinosaur baby. 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm.No need to book, purchase your ticket from the museum shop on the day. £2 per child. 01295 753752.

Gosford All Blacks Pre Season Training: Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club, Stratfield Brake, Kidlington. Gosford All Blacks are looking for new players to join there senior teams. 7pm. Free.

Little Explorers: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Sensory buggy/sling walk for babies and toddlers. 10am. £4 suggested donation per child. 01865 407792.

Ramblers walk: St Mary's Church, Charlton-on-Otmoor. Seven-mile walk via Oddington, Noke and the RSPB Reserve, with a pub stop at the end. 10am. 07904 276243.

Walk for Health: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 10am. Free. 01235 771447.

FRIDAY

Dinosaur World: Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury. Travel back in time to make your own dinosaur land, fossil collage, dinosaur animals, dinosaur mask and even a hatching dinosaur baby. 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm. No need to book, purchase your ticket from the museum shop on the day. £2 per child. 01295 753752.

Discover and Play: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Forest School for the under-5s. 10am. £4 suggested donation per child. 01865 407792.

Food & Drink Festival: The Manor, Northampton Road, Weston-on-the-Green. 2pm. Free. 01869 350 621.

Meteor Shower Walk: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. A starlit walk around the Clumps and then settle down to enjoy the show that the annual Perseid meteor shower provides. Appropriate for older children and adults. 8pm. £6 adult £3 child. 01865 407792.

Museum Book Group: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 2pm. Free but asked to support the museum cafe. 01235 771447.

SOFO Holiday Kids Clubs: Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. Two and a half hours packed with games, outdoor fun, crafts and quizzes for boys and girls. Let's Rock! 10am-2pm. 07962 207988.

Wantage Country Market: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. Wantage WI. 9.30am. Free. 01235 771447.

SATURDAY

Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Car park by the lake, Farnborough. A leisurely eight-mile undulating walk from Farnborough. Good views. 10am. 07527 758788.

Charity Car Boot Sale: Icknield Community College, Love Lane, Watlington. 1pm. 0300 777 1500.

Cholsey Village Show: Whitehead Meadow, Station Road access to rec, Cholsey. 12.30pm. Free. 01491652100.

Fish & Chip Quiz Night: Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. On The Watlington Flyer vintage diesel hauled train, the evening commences with three rounds of general knowledge on the first round trip from Chinnor station to Thame Junction and return. The evening continues with further rounds of General Knowledge during the third and final trip to Thame Junction. 7pm. Adult £18. 07979 055366.

Fritwell Market: Fritwell Village Hall, Fewcott Road, Fritwell. 10am. 07788 560174.

Fruit Tree Pruning and Grafting: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Two workshops covering both the theory and practice of fruit tree pruning and grafting with expert Andy Howard. The session on Saturday will cover pruning topics, including: the history of pruning; why we summer prune and how it maximises your fruit growth; cordons, fans, espaliers, step-overs and how to do them; how a tree grows, root stock sizes and vigour affect pruning; summer vs winter pruning. On Sunday, we'll cover grafting: the history of budding; when and how to collect and store scion wood; different types of rootstocks and reasons for selection; different methods of summer budding and their pros and cons; best tools to use; the best methods for sealing the graft; plant aftercare and how to make sure your graft takes. You will take home a grafted tree. Join for one or both. £40 per day or £75 for the whole weekend; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee). 10am. 01865 407792.

Plants That Changed the World Picnic: University of Oxford Botanic Garden, Rose Lane, Oxford. Have a go at the activities, from craft to sowing and growing, which will help you explore these plants and find out more about how and why they are special. Bring along your picnic. 1pm. Entrance £5/£5.50, £3.50/£4, children free. 01865 286694.

Ramblers walk: The Windmill, Brill. 10½-mile walk via Ashendon. Hilly, with good views. Pub/picnic lunch. Teas at Brill church after walk. Walk unsuitable for dogs. 10am. 01844 339969.

The Etherington Brothers: The Story Museum, 42 Pembroke Street, Oxford. Find out the six steps to making incredible comic adventures with Robin and Lorenzo. 11am. £8/£6. 01865 790050.

SUNDAY

Animals in Need day: New Beaconsfield Hall and Field, Station Road, Shipton under Wychwood. A day out for Oxfordshires' animal lovers, run by Sunshine Cat Rescue, and supported by animal rescue charities, local vets and others. 11am. 01993 831279.

Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Village car park, Chackmore, Buckinghamshire. A leisurely 5.5-mile circular walk around Stowe House and gardens. 11am. 07929 924933.

Cream Teas: The Reading Room, The Green, Combe. 2.30pm. 01993 898348.

NOCSC Sunday Service with Richard Marshall of Slough: North Oxford Christian Spiritualist Church, 11A Middle Way Summertown, Oxford. 6.30pm. Free. 07484 122 203.

Wheatley Afternoon Car Boot Sale: Waterstock Golf Club, Off junction 8a M40 near to motorway services, Thame Road, Wheatley. 1pm. Sellers £5, buyers 50p after 1pm (early entry £1). 07874 855514.

Windmill Open: Wheatley Windmill, Windmill Lane, Wheatley. 2pm. Free. 01865 874610.

MONDAY

Mosaic Making: Millets Farm, Kingston Road, Frilford. Learn the techniques of mosaic making using tiles, glass, vintage china, old jewellery and quirky items. Make a wall plaque or decorative mirror creating your unique design. We have plenty of samples and ideas to inspire and guide you. 10am. £55. 07974 081526.

Women's Self Defence and Fitness Class: The Pavilion, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough. Ages from 13 upwards. 8pm. £5. 07834 022463.

TUESDAY

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Children's Crafts: Harcourt Arboretum, A4074, Nuneham Courtenay. 1pm. £5 adults, children free.

Gosford All Blacks Pre Season Training: Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club, Stratfield Brake, Kidlington. Gosford All Blacks are looking for new players to join there senior teams. 7pm. Free.

Night Safari: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Join us for this night-time expedition to discover Mowbray Field's wildlife. On the evening, you'll also set up live traps ready for tomorrow's event. 8pm. £6 adult, £3 child. 01865 407792.

Painting Demonstration – 'Silk Painting' by Janet Roberts: Centre 70, Kinecroft, off Goldsmiths Lane, Wallingford. 7.30pm. Free to members, visitors £3. 01491 681400.

Ramblers walk: Clifden Arms PH, Worminghall. Easy four-mile walk via Ickford with a pub supper to finish. Some stiles. Walk unsuitable for dogs. 6pm. 01844 339393.

Tea Dance: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. 2pm. £2. 01993 811473.

Yoga Class: The Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. 6.15pm. 07917 453224.

WEDNESDAY

Bridge Taster Session: Oxford Bridge Club, 147 Banbury Road, Oxford. No knowledge of Bridge or of card games is required to attend the session. Book your place by visiting www.education.oxfordbridgeclub.com or by emailing the club's education team at education@oxfordbridgeclub.com 10am. 07449 741015.

Dinosaur World: Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury. Travel back in time to make your own dinosaur land, fossil collage, dinosaur animals, dinosaur mask and even a hatching dinosaur baby. 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm.No need to book, purchase your ticket from the museum shop on the day. £2 per child. 01295 753752.

Fooled You! The Science of Trickery: The Oxfordshire Museum, 14 Park Street, Woodstock. This magical family workshop will show your young dynamos how to make water disappear, use 'x-ray vision' to look through solid objects and move items with their minds. 1.30-2.30pm and 3-4pm. Booking / info www.scienceoxford.com £8 per child/adults free. 01865 810000.

Surreal Composition a drawing workshop by Araminta Blue: The Jam Factory, 27 Park End Street, Oxford. Paper and drawing materials will be provided. No previous drawing experience required. 6.30pm. Free. 01865 244 613.

SOFO Family Open Afternoons: Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. Drop in 2-4pm. £2 per child. Adults and Under 5s free. 01993 810210.

The Animal Olympics: Oxfordshire Museum, 14 Park Street, Woodstock. A new interactive science show that takes you on a fascinating journey around the animal kingdom. http://www.scienceoxford.com 10.30am. £5 per person (children to be accompanied by adult). 01865 810000.

Wildlife Photography Walk: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Join photographer Andrew Walmsley for a morning stroll around the nature reserve. www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson 8am. £20. 01865 407792.

Wildlife Wednesday at Mowbray Fields: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. 10am. £2 suggested donation per child. 01865 407792.

Music

THURSDAY

The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford: King Bolete. Doom 'n' blues. 7pm. £7.

The Cock Inn, The Green, Combe: Nick Gill. Classic Jazz and ragtime piano/vocals. 8pm. Free.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Pete Fryer Band. Blues-rock. 9pm. Downstairs bar. Free.

Joe's Bar & Grill, 260 Banbury Road, Oxford: Steve Morano with Hugh Turner. Folk-blues. 9pm. Free.

FRIDAY

Boathouse, High Street, Wallingford: Jason Pegg. Free. 9pm. 01491 834100.

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Baroque Music by Candlelight: The Songbird Ascending. £20, £18 (OAP), £12 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

Fox, Enstone Road, Middle Barton: Doghouse. Rock and pop. Free. 9pm. 01869 340338.

Tap Social Movement, 27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford: Semi Urban Fox. Punk/garage rock. 9pm. Free.

SATURDAY

Cricketers, Temple Road, Cowley: Badlands. Covers band. Free. 9pm. 01865 718459.

Marston Royal British Legion, Hadow Road, Marston: Hellcats. Free. 9pm. 01865 243991.

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Oxford Proms – Romantic Classics. £38, £28, £18, £10. students, U 18 half price. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

Talbot Hotel, Bridge Street, Bampton: The Summits. Male covers duo. Free. 9pm. 01993 850326.

The Chequers, Station Road, Brize Norton: Bluefest – Music for Pets. To raise funds for Blue Cross Burford. £5. 2pm. 0300 777 1974.

The White House, 38 Abingdon Road, Oxford: Pete Fryer Band. Blues-rock. 8.30pm. Free.

Tap Social Movement, 27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford: Wirebirds. Blues-rock. 9pm. Free.

SUNDAY

Bicester Ex Services Club, Sheep Street, Bicester: Decades. Classic rock and glam duo. Free. 5pm. 01869 245367.

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Baroque Music by Candlelight: Match made in Melody. £18, £16 (OAP), £12 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Jack Gibbons plays Chopin: Swan Songs. £16 (on door £20). 8pm. 01865 305305.

The Brewery Tap, 40-42 Ock Street, Abingdon-on-Thames: Mudslide Morris & Washboard Gram (acoustic). Free. 5pm. 0779 064 6028.

Victoria Arms, Mill Lane, Marston: Doghouse Band. Rock and pop covers band. Free. 3pm. 01865 241382.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Adam & Elvis, Mark Atherton & Friends, Tony Batey & Sal Moore, Mark Sollis, Asterox. 3pm. Downstairs bar. Free.

MONDAY

Rose Revived, Newbridge, Witney: Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited. Jazz. 7.30pm. Free.

TUESDAY

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Early Music by Candlelight: Game of Queens. £18, £16 (OAP), £12 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

O2 Academy Oxford190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Too Many Zooz, Thabo, Red Crow. New York's Brasshouse trio. 7pm. £19.20.

WEDNESDAY

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Harpsichord Recital by Candlelight: Bach, Beer & Brandy. £15, £14 (OAP), £10 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Jack Gibbons' Farewell Piano Party. In advance £16 (on door £20). 8pm. 01865 305305.

St Michael at the Northgate, Cornmarket Street, Oxford: Oxford Proms – Viva Viola. £12 students, U 18 half price. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Billy Branch, Giles Robson Band. The Haven Club. Blues. 8pm. £12 (adv), £15 (otd), £5 (NUS).

Theatre

Blackwell's Bookshop, 51 Broad Street, Oxford: Aug 17-26, *The Full Bronte.* Combining comedy, storytelling, music, and games. 7pm. £22/£20/£18/£16. 01865 766266.

Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Aug 10-12, *The Runner.* A young refugee's journey for survival. Presented by Magdalen College School Drama. Various times. £10/£8. 01865 305305.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Aug 12, Dave Fulton, Wes Zaharuk, Gus Khan and Dave Twentyman. Glee comedy. 7.45pm. £15.95. 01865 810000.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Aug 23-26, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.* RicNic. 7.30pm. £12/£10 concessions. 01865 263990.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Aug 15-19, *Bring on the Bollywood.* 7.30pm. £11.50-£28. Aug 22-26, *The Gruffalo.* Various times. £13. 01865 305305.

University Parks, Parks Road, Oxford: Until Aug 19, *Alice.* Creation Theatre Company. 2pm. £25, £18, child £16, concessions £22, preview tickets £18. 01865 766266.

Wadham College, Parks Road, Oxford: Until Aug 19, *Much Ado About Nothing.* 7.30pm. £13-£24. 01865 305305.

Amey Theatre, Park Road, Abingdon: Aug 19, RSC Live: *Titus Andronicus.* 7pm. £12/£10. 01235 849063.

Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Aug 10 & Aug 19, British Pathé Films: Good Vibrations. A quirky selection of film clips focusing on all things musical. 11am and 2.30pm. £5. 01295 753752.

Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney: Aug 23, *Merry Wives of Windsor.* The Festival Players Theatre Company. 7pm. £14 adults/children under 16 £9.50. 01993 703056.

Wykham Theatre, Banbury Academy, Ruskin Road, Banbury: Aug 11-12, *The Wedding Singer.* Youth of Banbury Operatic Society. £8-£10. www.ticketsource.co.uk 7.30am.

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Louis and Shamsi on fire in friendly

Puritans prepare for new campaign with Mangotsfield victory

FOOTBALL

JEFFERSON Louis and Ravi Shamsi scored as Banbury United completed their pre-season schedule with a 2-1 success at home to Mangotsfield United on Saturday.

Tom Winters, on the Banbury left, delivered some enticing crosses that on another day would have produced many more goals

Shamsi had a shot brilliantly blocked by defender George Nash, while Louis was twice denied by visiting keeper Ashley Newman.

The Puritans finally took the lead on the half-hour, when Louis intercepted a poor pass and slotted past Newman with ease.

For the visitors, George Lloyd fizzed a shot wide.

Six minutes before the interval, the home side doubled their lead when Shamsi received the ball just inside the box, before coolly striking it into the bottom corner.

Just before half-time Mangotsfield were awarded a penalty for a tug of shirt, but keeper Jack Harding dived to his right to save Lewis Hogg's spot-kick.

Banbury's Sam Humphreys fired against a post before the Somerset side replied through Danny Edwards on 77 minutes.

The Puritans will be hoping for a winning start when they host Dorchester in their first Evo-Stik South League Premier clash.

Jefferson Louis beats Ashley Newman to put Banbury in front Picture: sportsshots.org.uk

Banbury climb to third

CRICKET

BANBURY are just five points behind Oxford in third after a ten-wicket victory at Burnham in Division 1 of the Home Counties Premier League.

Ollie Wright was the visitors' star performer with 5-53 from 18 overs as Burnham, put in to bat, were dismissed for 133 in 46 overs.

The seamer dismissed five of the top six in Burnham's top order, including leading scorer Adnan Malik for 36.

Banbury knocked off the runs without loss in 31.5 overs, Lloyd Sabin making 84 not out, and Craig Haupt unbeaten on 45, taking him ever closer to 10,000 league runs.

BURNHAM

K Kumar c Haupt b Wright	0
F Raja lbw Wright	27
A Khan c Phillips b Hill	16
A Malik b Wright	36
H Gandam b Wright	12
R Nadeem b Wright	6
R Singh c&b Clarke	16
M Baig c Phillips b Clarke	6
I Aslam c Phillips b Cheema	1
M Haroon not out	2
F Khan lbw West	1
Extras	10
Total (all out, 36 ovs)	133

Bowling: Wright 18-7-53-5, Hill 9-1-20-1, Cheema 9-1-28-1, Wilkins 6-0-18-0, Clarke 3-2-1-2, West 1-0-3-1.

BANBURY

L Sabin not out	84
C Haupt not out	45
Extras	7
Total (0 wkts, 31.5 ovs)	136

Bowling: Haroon 7-3-18-0, Singh 6-1-18-0, A Khan 7-4-12-0, Malik 2-0-15-0, F Khan 7-1-46-0, Aslam 2.5-0-25-0.

Burnham 1pt, Banbury 25

Banbury's Craig Haupt

LATEST TABLE

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	NR	Bon	Pts
*Henley	14	7	3	2	2	31	226
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STARS with Claire Petulengro

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

Try to think twice before saying things you know are going to hurt those around you. This is not the best week for revelations, no matter how honest you are feeling. Money can be made if you are willing to take some gambles on Friday, but only if you trust in your own and not in other people's instincts. Give me a ring to hear why it's worth making your home presentable and ready for visitors this week.

0906 585 4360

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Your sign is one of the most intelligent in the zodiac, but you really do like to hide from this fact as and when it suits you. Don't be backwards in coming forwards in love at the weekend, or you could miss out on the chance to get the passion that you have been craving. Phone calls bring you an apology you'd almost given up on hearing. Ring now to find out more about your future.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Try to use your mind and your abilities to make the changes that you have been talking about but not acting upon for so long now. The last two months have been very stressful for you and it is only by keeping your eyes forward and not looking back that you will start to feel the many pressures finally lift. Ring now to hear why leaving early can avoid the delays Mercury is predicting.

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

That confidence is dying to surface and will only earn you friends, not enemies as you'll soon see. There is a new face that has recently entered your life that you are just dying to impress. You don't seem to be too sure how to go about it and are ready and able to take up any advice others are willing to offer you. Ring to hear why you'd be better trusting in your own instincts and actions.

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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Don't be so quick to listen to the words of others, but ask yourself what you want and how you should handle the situations which are evolving. After all, you are the one that must live your life and live with the decisions you are making at this time. Take control and get back that confidence that your sign of the goat is usually so famous for. Ring now for an important message from Mars.

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VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

New relationships for some of you should prove exciting but frightening all at the same time. The stars are behind you in any new start that you wish to make with your life. The business area of your chart is highlighted and Sunday should see you finally make an important decision which will dictate what you will be doing over the coming three years. Ring for insight and understanding.

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LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week's sensitive line up could see you falling out with the very people you hold dear to your heart and words may not be as easily revoked as you first think. Events that take place on Wednesday should help you to get back any confidence you are seeking, as papers and contracts are at last tied up to your satisfaction. Ring to hear how news of pregnancies is strong in your circle.

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SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Life is changing for the better, as you should soon see for yourself. That disillusioned and drained feeling is replaced by one of hope, faith and inspiration. Knock on those all-important doors and they will open for you. Don't be afraid to turn normal travel plans into more extensive ones. Aries bring luck in finances. Ring to hear why it's worth turning up early for work meetings this week.

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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You must be careful you don't fall out with friends over issues which you wouldn't usually even think twice about. Many of your sign are going to be taking a more intense look at the way they look and how they feel as a person. If there is something you've wanted to change about your life, this is the week you'll make your plan. Ring now to better understand recent altercations.

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CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This very dramatic and emotional week should have more positive than negative effects. For some of you it could have romantic endings as you lose that attitude which made last month so difficult for you and your close ones. It's worth your while sitting down and doing your sums so you can work out what you should do next. Ring now for a confidence boost.

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AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

A sense of humour is essential if you are to leave this week with a smile on your face. If you're single and looking for love, then watch out for some very dramatic (and slightly arrogant) characters who will be giving you the chance to explore their very intriguing and individual world. For some this could well prove to be a match made in heaven. Ring now to hear about tomorrow, today

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PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

A new work contact is seen in a new light and allows you to talk about dreams which last month you wouldn't have even imagined mentioning. This new and improved confidence is doing much for your reputation. Do be careful on Sunday though when the stars could see you going overboard in matters which you wouldn't usually even think twice about. Call now for better balance.

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TERRACED homes saw the second-largest rise in price last year, jumping by 43 per cent.

They are the most popular type of property, along with semi-detached, according to recent research by Halifax.

During 2016, three-fifths of all sales were either terraced or semi-detached, with first-time buyers favouring both these types of house styles.

Developer Bellway Homes offers terraced and semi-detached homes on its developments.

It has several sites across the county, including Saxon Meadows in Bicester, Cotswold Gate in Chipping Norton and Hampden Gardens in Thame. Others are Grove Meadows, Grove, and Brunswick Green, Didcot.

Saxon Way includes a mix of homes with options of two, three, four or five bedrooms.

Among those on offer are three-bedroom mid-terrace properties.

The Trent is a family home with a living room and separate open-plan kitchen dining room, which comes with a built-in Zanussi oven, a hob and hood, plus an integrated fridge-freezer.

The master bedroom has an ensuite bathroom.

A much larger terraced property at Saxon Meadows is The Teign.

It covers three floors and has five double bedrooms.

There is a living room with windows on two sides, one of which is a feature bay, and it is priced from £474,995.

Steve Garton, sales director for the Thames Valley division, said: "First-time buyers are always looking to get as much as they can for their money and terraced and semi-detached homes have always proved to be a popular choice.

"We're delighted to be providing a wonderful selection of spacious terraced and semi-detached homes, which we have designed to meet the demands of modern living."

He added: "Due to popular demand, we are encouraging young buyers to visit a site and find their ideal home."

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The Castle Quay shopping centre is being extended onto land between the canal and Spiceball Park. This creates room for new businesses confirmed as moving into the area, including: Zizzi, Nando's, Handmade Burger Company, Chiquitos, Premier Inn, The Light Cinema and Lidl. Such a vast array of catering and entertainment facilities will provide a boost to local employment opportunities and attract new shoppers coming to Banbury, with the enhanced experiences available. The Brand new cinema is not one to be missed.

Over £35 million is being invested in to this project; and can only have a positive benefit for the town centre, local economy and Castle Quay. With construction set to start at the beginning of Autumn 2017, and the completion target date being Christmas 2018, now is this perfect time to come and talk to us about your investment and future opportunities in the property market.

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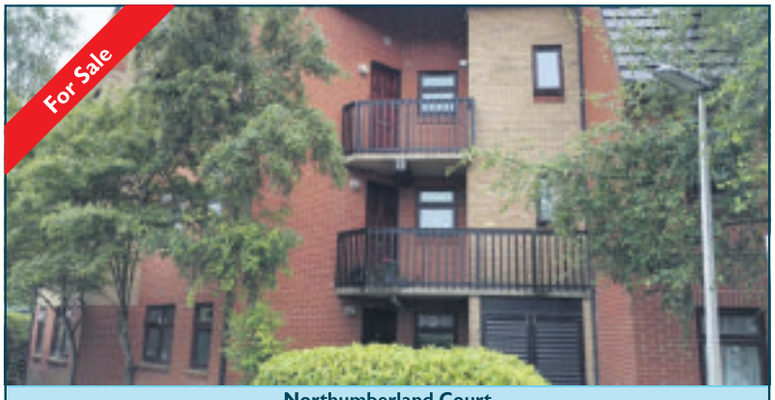

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Twyford Road

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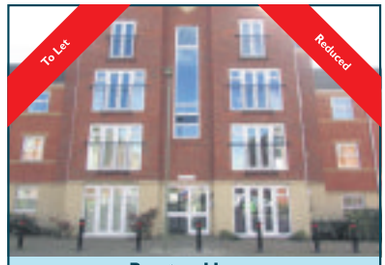
£1050 pcm

7 Tarragon Walk

A spacious two bedroom apartment on the Hanwell Fields estate. This propery benefits from two double bedrooms and allocated parking and a garage. Fully fitted kitchen and spacious lounge. Double bedrooms. Good access for M40 links. Walking distance to the shops and schools. EPC rating: C

£825 pcm



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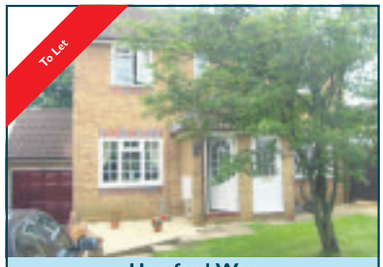

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Verney Road

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Booth Road

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Broome Way

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£740 pcm

Broome Way

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£725 pcm

Hereford Way

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Universities and colleges that have been quiet over the summer will soon switch back into busy mode as students return to continue their studies. Among them will be Ellie Henderson who, after two years spent studying for an HND while holding down a full-time job, has now accepted an offer to join the third year of a Fashion Marketing degree course."I've always been interested in fashion, but working for a High Street clothing chain gave me completely new insights into the industry and let me see how important marketing is to the success of a brand," she says.This is a blend of learning and on-the-job experience that can make for the perfect all-rounder in marketing.

And marketing matters – which is why colleges and universities offer degrees and diplomas in the subject. Some with added specialities such as brand management, languages and international business studies.If you already work in marketing – or maybe you're doing something else and want to switch track – check out the postgraduate courses that can bring you up to speed and provide you with a solid qualification.

Without an in-depth knowledge, marketing is one of those areas that can be hard to define. It rubs shoulders with advertising and PR but it's not the same as either. To do it well you need to be cool with technical systems and social media, but not overlook the impact of tried-and-tested ways of getting your message out there, including leaflets and billboards.If you work in marketing for an international brand, you could find yourself juggling multiple strategies for different parts of the world, cutting deals with other global names for joint promotions.

Do the same job for a small events company and your marketing strategy might involve tying strawboards to lampposts.What matters wherever you work is that you've correctly identified your potential customers and developed creative ways of getting their attention. If you want a qualification there's still time to gain a place on any of this year's courses not yet fully subscribed.

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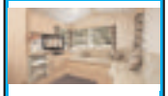
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